



Agenda item 9.

Greater Bedminster Community Partnership (GBCP)
7.00 pm on 19 January 2015
at Marksbury Library, Marksbury Lane, Bedminster, Bristol B3 5LG

Present:

GBCP Board

Councillors:

Councillor Sean Beynon
Councillor Charlie Bolton
Councillor Mark Bradshaw
Councillor Colin Smith

Voluntary / community / faith group representatives:

Matthew Symonds (Chair) – SDCA/Front Garden Competition
Ben Barker (DEPP)
Stephanie Brammer (Way Out West)
Robin Clapp
Lesley Collins (Airpoint Resident)
Dr Simon Hankins - CEO, Southville Community Development Association (SCDA)
Helen Muir
Les Potter
Ruth Richardson
Jackie Smith - MACA
Harriet Stevens – Friends of Marksbury Library
Helen Thomas, U3A and resident
Julia Tutton - MACA

Statutory Sector and Observers

Jeremy Livitt, Bristol City Council, Democratic Services
Di Robinson, Service Director – Neighbourhoods and Communities
Dan Judges, BCC Neighbourhood Officer
Andrew McLean, BCC Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator
Neil Terry, Area Manager (South/Central)
Emma Williams, Bristol 2015

Apologies:

None

1. Welcome, Apologies and introductions
(Agenda item 1)

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introduced themselves.

2. Declarations of interest (Agenda Item 2)

There were none.

3. Library Consultation (Agenda item 3)

Di Robinson introduced this report and made the following comments:

- The library service was a well-loved service but not that heavily used (6% on some occasions);
- It was important to look at measures which would create a service that would be of more value and relevance to the community as a whole;
- Social Media would be an important tool in the very wide-ranging consultation process – ie Facebook;
- There had been over 4,000 responses received so far – the consultation process would end on 2nd February 2015. An Ideas Bank had also been set up for people to submit proposals;
- The proposals would be submitted to Cabinet on 3rd March 2015 and would be followed by the second phase of the consultation process. This would set out a series of proposals across the city, including local variations in different areas as required;
- It was important to note that, when the Medium Term Financial Plan had been set in 2014, there had been a proposed reduction of £1.1 Million in the Libraries budget – a most of the cost would come directly from staff, this could affect the ability of libraries to remain open;
- The process was not intended to set one library against another and for this reason, no direct comparisons had been made between different libraries.

The following comments were also made by other attendees:

- There had been national research into the business role of libraries – using organisations such as the Royal Society of Chief Librarians and Carnegie Trust;
- It was noted that at some libraries ie St George, there were courses to help people find work. In Avonmouth, young people's access to work is a key issue;
- The consultation was very extensive but other elements needed to be considered, such as Adult Education (adult literacy, learning languages) which was currently heavily focused on provision in one area of the city ie Stoke Lodge;
- The potential for co-delivery needed to be considered in areas such as Adult Learning, Job Training and Health;
- Libraries could also fulfil an important role in combatting loneliness for certain groups such as the elderly and disabled;
- Marksbury Road Library was closed at 5pm every night of the week apart from Monday – there was capacity for evening and Saturday afternoon use for community group to enable it to operate as a wider community centre. For example, there was a wider level of illiteracy in Bedminster than other parts of Bristol – this service could be used to tackle this;
- Communities had the option of nominating a value of building to the community which could then not be closed for 6 months pending an investigation of options for future use.

4. **Bristol 2015 Arts Programme** (Agenda Item 4)

Emma Williams introduced this item. She explained that there would be a Neighbourhoods Arts Project in each of the 14 areas – GBCP was one of 6 projects that had been chosen.

She explained that a consultation process would end on Friday 22nd January for how the allocated funding of £10,000 would be spent – options were for work with a particular target group (ie Older People) or areas such as waste and recycling. These funds could be used as a lubricant to get other things done – ie Walking Project, Older People Project.

It was noted that individual groups in Bedminster can apply directly.

Action: Emma Williams/Andrew McLean to circulate details of the links to the consultation document for Neighbourhood Partnership members.

5. **Bristol Ageing Better and “Our Place”** (Agenda Item 5)

The Committee was advised that Bristol Ageing Better was one of 14 bids for lottery funding which had been successful and which would collectively have access to £5.9 Million over 5 years.

It was noted that there had been a great deal of national and international research carried out into certain issues such as loneliness – for example, 51% of people lived alone. There were also particular groups who were more likely to feel isolated within their community ie people over 85, minority ethnic communities (91 languages were spoken in Bristol), drug/alcohol misusers and the LGBT community.

“Our Place” – Loneliness and isolation were the equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day as they lowered the immune system. It was important to improve the quality of older people’s lives in the community and to see them as an asset (as problem and skills solvers).

“Bristol Ageing Better” – this was a big Project which would start in April 2015 to make Bristol an “Age Friendly City” for Bristol to consider Older People in every aspect of the service they provide ie similar to Manchester. It would be launched by a campaign with Aardman Animation using Older People’s Voices. Work was being carried out to identify from GP lists those people who were bereaved and in poverty. A Well-Being service provided mental support through CCPE (Combined Community People and Empowerment). Anyone interested in taking part should contact Ruth Richardson and could join the Steering Group.

It was also noted that there was a project entitled “Preparing for Later Life” which was aimed at people in their 50s.

Action: Ruth Richardson/Andrew McLean to arrange for presentation slides to be sent to all NP members.

6. **Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator’s Report** (Agenda Item 6)

Andrew McLean introduced this report. He reported the following:

Mayoral Visit – It was noted that this had been scheduled for 27th August 2015 which was during the school holidays and, therefore, a school visit would not be appropriate. **Action: Andrew McLean to identify another venue for this visit.**

Ward Boundary Review Consultation – These were noted.

Grounds Maintenance Consultation – This was noted.

Neighbourhood Budget and Green Capital Fund Update: Community Chest and Devolved Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy – These were noted.

Green Capital Recommendations – It was noted that there was £10,000 available in the Green Capital Budget and projects totalling £10,040.30 were recommended for approval by the NP's Community Chest Panel, with additional funds being available to meet the extra £40.30. It was further noted that approval of this funding was being made by Neighbourhood Partnerships (rather than Neighbourhood Committees) throughout the city.

Resolved: that the following schemes be approved:

Southbank Arts and Events: Southbank Reclamation – workshops on re-using, repairing and recycling common materials - £1,230

Friends of Avon New Cut: Interpretation Board covering Industrial History, flora, fauna design and installation - £1,000 (Partial Funding Awarded)

Playing Out: Playing Out in Bedminster - £400 (Partial Funding Awarded)

Luckwell Improvement Project: Green Community Day - £1,290

GBCP: Bug and Bee Street Flower Carpet – information on the creation of bee and bug friendly gardens - £815

Bedminster Winter Lanterns: Bedmonster – designing of a large monster out of recyclable materials - £2,000

Soil Association: The Big Picnic – to celebrate and raise awareness of Food for Life Partnership - £2,100

Southville School: A Walking Bus Scheme Between School Sites - £1,205.30

Total Cost of Schemes: £10,040.30

Action: Andrew McLean

Community Partnership Plan – It was agreed that the Community Partnership meeting at 7pm on 16th February 2015 would include a detailed discussion on the Community Partnership Plan prior to sign off at the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership meeting **at the meeting at 7pm on Monday 30th March 2015.**

Action: Andrew McLean

Neighbourhood Partnership Equalities Training – It was agreed that the meeting at 7pm on 16th February 2015 would be used to provide Equalities Training for NP members.

Neighbourhood Partnership **Action: Andrew McLean**

Neighbourhood Partnership 2015/16 Meeting Dates – There was discussion concerning the proposed Community Partnership Meeting dates (Community Partnership, Mobility Sub-Group, Environment Sub-Group and Community Partnership Neighbourhood Committee). It was noted that the Mobility Sub-Group had suggested that quarterly meetings of their Sub-Group would be better. However, it was agreed that this Sub-Group should be allowed to decide if, on particular occasions, they needed to vary the frequency of their meetings.

Action: that the dates set out in the report be agreed – Andrew McLean

Ashton Vale Developments

It was noted that there was a new residents Association which had started in Ashton Vale. It was suggested that they be urged to get in touch with the Ashton Vale Community Association which now had a new group managing it. **Action: (if required) Andrew McLean**

Environment Sub-Group

Dan Judges provided a summary of the work of the Environment Sub-Group. It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Monday 26th January 2015. Recommendations for the award of grants would be considered at the BCR NP on 30th March 2015 – there were currently proposals amounting to £360,000 from which £100,000 could be awarded.

Mobility Sub-Group

The NP noted the work of this Sub-Group.

Community Safety

The Committee noted performance information concerning the above.

Neighbourhood Team News and Neighbourhood Priorities

The Committee noted information concerning the above.

7. Local Traffic Schemes Report (Agenda Item 7)

Neil Terry introduced this report which set out existing schemes, including devolved Section 106 monies (in Appendix 1).

The NP was also advised that there were four footway schemes which were not included within the report but were proposed for approval to ensure that the appropriate funding could be obtained within the appropriate timescale.

The Neighbourhood Committee (2 Councillors present) agreed to take an urgent decision on this matter and, in accordance with the recommendations proposed, made the following decision:

Resolved –

- (1) That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the use of £30,000 for the repair of the footway at Merrywood Road with the remaining £12,000 to use on 3 remaining schemes at Ashton Vale Road, Upper Perry Hill and Raleigh Road North Street**
- (2) That updates be provided to the Neighbourhood Partnership for future meetings setting out details on outstanding projects ie zebra crossing at North Street, Cycling Ambition Fund (including new bridges across the New Cut), Metro Bus etc.**

Action: (1) Neil Terry, (2) Andrew McLean

8 Let's Walk Bedminster (Agenda Item 8)

Stephanie Brammer introduced this report and made the following points:

- (1) £40,000 had been won from the Bristol Green Capital Fund for this project;
- (2) The Launch Event was scheduled for 22nd February 2015;
- (3) There were quite a few "outputs" required from this project;
- (4) A walking event had been organised for March 2015 – discussions were taking place with Share a Strength to deliver this
- (5) A Youth Club Project linked to this was being set up supported by various churches – Learning Partnership West was supporting this. It was hoped to report back on this issue at the next meeting on 30th March;
- (6) Issues to consider for this project included signage for each major locality ie directions from Parsons Street Road Station to Marksbury Library – use of smart phones and link to travel Apps were important.

9 Resolutions to the GBCP (Agenda Item 9)

The NP noted that there were no resolutions.

10 Minutes of the Meeting of the GBCP held on 16th October 2014 (Agenda Item 10)

The following action was noted from the above Minutes:

- (1) Page 26 – Approval of the Playing Out Project had been agreed by e-mail;
- (2) Page 29 – It was confirmed that Equalities Training was proposed for all NP members not just champions – however the NP needed to clarify with their champions what the NP's priorities were;
- (3) All Actions set out on Page 29 had been completed;
- (4) The NP assumed, in the absence of Councillor Charlie Bolton for this part of the meeting, that the action referred to in Minute Number 7 (Page 30) had been completed;
- (5) Notes of the 16th December 2014 Informal NP meeting were circulated. Ben Bradshaw indicated that some future meetings might be thematic.

11 Any Other Business (Agenda Item 11)

Councillor Mark Bradshaw thanked everyone involved in the "Lanterns" Project.

12 Date of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 12)

The NP noted that the next meeting of the Community Partnership was scheduled for **7pm on 16th February 2015** at the Windmill Hill City Farm and the next meeting of the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership was scheduled for **7pm on 30 March 2015** at the Southville Centre, Beasley Road, Bristol BS3 1QG.

The meeting finished at 8.55pm

CHAIR